



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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For: EXTERNAL PIPE WELDING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**ATTN: Mail Stop Amendment**

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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005, the time period for response having been extended from April 12, 2005 until May 12, 2005 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time. In the prosecution of the application identified above, please consider the following:

The specification is amended beginning on page 2.

Replacement drawings of Figures 1-18 (18 sheets) are attached.

The claims are amended beginning on page 5.

Remarks begin on page 11.